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### Field Crops Report

As of November 24, **cotton** harvest was 83 percent complete, slightly ahead of last year's rate of 82 percent and equal to the five year average of 83 percent.

**Alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 33 percent not being harvested, 2 percent light, 36 percent moderate, and 29 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 5 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 17 percent excellent. Sheep continue to move onto alfalfa fields to graze on winter pasture.

### Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

**Range and Pasture** conditions were reported as 34 percent very poor, 46 percent poor, 17 percent fair, and 3 percent good. **Livestock** were reported to be in fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

### Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cantaloupes, head lettuce and honeydews while eastern Arizona producers shipped chilies, head lettuce and tomatoes. Producers in western Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cauliflower, chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, honeydews, mixed greens, parsley and spinach. Lettuce shipments included iceberg, leaf and romaine.

Citrus producers in central and western Arizona shipped lemons last week.

### Weather Summary

Temperatures throughout the State were above average for the week ending November 23. Temperatures ranged from normal at Winslow to seven degrees above normal at Grand Canyon and Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 89 degrees at Coolidge, while the lowest reading was 14 degrees at Winslow. No precipitation was reported at any of the 17 reporting stations. Six of 17 reporting stations are at or above 50 percent of normal precipitation levels for this time of year.

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**Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)**

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA  
FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 17 TO NOVEMBER 23, 2002**

| Station           | Temperatures |         |      |     | Precipitation 2/ |                |                |
|-------------------|--------------|---------|------|-----|------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                   | Avg.         | Dep. 1/ | High | Low | Past Week        | Jan. 1 to Date | Normal to Date |
| Canyon De Chelly  | 40           | 1       | 64   | 21  | 0.00             | 5.80           | 8.74           |
| Casa Grande       | 58           | 3       | 88   | 33  | 0.00             | 2.59           | 8.05           |
| Coolidge          | 57           | 4       | 89   | 32  | 0.00             | 3.39           | 8.28           |
| Douglas           | 51           | 2       | 79   | 25  | 0.00             | 7.99           | 12.56          |
| Flagstaff         | 35           | 5       | 63   | 16  | 0.00             | 11.26          | 20.66          |
| Gila Bend         | 61           | 4       | 88   | 39  | 0.00             | 0.74           | 6.07           |
| Grand Canyon      | 36           | 7       | 68   | 19  | 0.00             | 6.55           | 15.12          |
| Kingman           | 49           | 6       | 77   | 33  | 0.00             | 5.72           | 9.04           |
| Parker            | 60           | 5       | 87   | 41  | 0.00             | 0.30           | 4.53           |
| Payson            | 44           | 5       | 72   | 26  | 0.00             | 8.32           | 19.97          |
| Phoenix           | 60           | 7       | 87   | 49  | 0.00             | 2.24           | 6.46           |
| Prescott Airport  | 43           | 6       | 73   | 25  | 0.00             | 4.70           | 13.02          |
| Safford Ag Center | 51           | 2       | 76   | 28  | 0.00             | 5.11           | 8.74           |
| Tucson            | 58           | 6       | 85   | 40  | 0.00             | 6.97           | 10.97          |
| Willcox           | 49           | 1       | 77   | 23  | 0.00             | 5.22           | 11.88          |
| Winslow           | 42           | 0       | 70   | 14  | 0.00             | 3.50           | 7.40           |
| Yuma              | 63           | 6       | 87   | 52  | 0.00             | 0.00           | 2.52           |

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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